



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 2174**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application. No: 09/742,946  
Filed: December 20, 2000  
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Examiner: Ke, Peng  
Group/Art Unit: 2174  
Atty. Dkt. No: 5150-52100

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR PERFORMING TYPE  
CHECKING FOR  
HARDWARE DEVICE  
NODES IN A GRAPHICAL  
PROGRAM

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
APRIL 7, 2006**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 7, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

**Please amend the case as listed below.**